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EDITORIALS

ROCKEFELLER AND HOOPER FOUNDATION REPORTS

The Rockefeller Foundation Report.—President George E. Vincent's review of the work of the Rockefeller Foundation for the year 1928 presents a story of achievement in every way as fascinating as those of previous years. It seems unfortunate, however, that the vast philanthropic activity which this foundation carries on in many fields of medical endeavor in our own and in many foreign countries cannot receive more ample publicity; publicity which would permit the thousands of Americans who have a right to know, to come into a better understanding of the bigness of this institution and of the splendid service which it renders to the human family in many different lands.

In a previous issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE (September 1927, pages 383 and 394), the activities of the Rockefeller Foundation were briefly discussed. During the year 1928 the large sum of \$21,690,738 was spent in preventive medicine activities such as the following: investigations concerning yellow fever, malaria and hookworm; support of eighteen medical schools in fourteen countries; development of professional public health training in schools and

field stations; aid to nursing schools in ten countries; emergency budgets to eighty-five county health organizations in seven states of the Mississippi flood area; aid in establishment of national health services in twenty-three foreign countries, and state health departments in nineteen American states. . . .

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The Past Record of the Rockefeller Foundation. The Rockefeller Foundation came into existence in 1913, and since then has expended from its income and principal a total of \$144,189,000, surely a vast outlay and a splendid expression of the magnitude with which large works are nowadays being carried on.

A reorganization of the Rockefeller Foundation took place last year, whereby several other Rockefeller philanthropic activities were consolidated with it. After the expenditure of the vast sum above mentioned, it will still have resources of the book value of some \$168,000,000 to carry on its work. Under the new form of organization the scope of the Foundation's activities will be extended so that, in addition to public health work, new activities for the advancement of knowledge in the medical, natural and social sciences and in the humanities will be promoted upon broader lines than heretofore.

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Its Work Worthy of Greater Publicity.—When the splendid record of achievement in service to the human race is considered, which already is to the credit of the Rockefeller Foundation, one cannot help but feel regret that modern-day newspaper journalism is seemingly so little interested in presenting to the people of the United States the work of such a beneficent factor in human civilization. What a host of splendid feature stories could be constructed from the American and foreign experiences of the representatives of this Foundation, and what a vastly greater inspiration the reading of such activities would be than can come from the many pseudohealth columns which nowadays confront us in so many newspapers of America.

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The George Williams Hooper Foundation of California.—A much lesser known instrumentality in public health work than the Rockefeller Foundation is the George Williams Hooper Foundation for Medical Research, one of the subdivisions of the University of California and which has its home on the affiliated colleges site on Parnassus Avenue in San Francisco. It came into existence through a bequest from the late George Williams Hooper, a lumber merchant, whose will thus recited the objects of the foundation:

The net income of the endowment fund shall be expended in the maintenance and conduct of said School of Medical Research, which shall conduct and carry on investigations in the sciences and arts of hygiene, medicine, and surgery; also in the nature and

causes of disease and in the methods of its prevention and treatment, and shall disseminate gratuitously all knowledge so acquired.

In the Hooper Foundation we deal with a California institution working under the patronage of the state and doing efficient service in ample measure, all of which, up to the present, is altogether too little known to California citizens.

The director of the Hooper Foundation is Dr. Karl F. Meyer, who is ably assisted by a corps of skilled and experienced workers, who under Doctor Meyer's guidance are constantly carrying on a large number of researches of special interest to Pacific Slope physicians.

The financial resources of the Hooper Foundation are not at all comparable to those of the Rockefeller Foundation, but the spirit of service is just as intense, and in its field its capacity for good as far-reaching.

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Some Recent Researches and Studies Brought Out by the Hooper Foundation.—Mention of some of the work being done in this institution is certainly worthy of mention in the official journal of the California Medical Association, and is here given.

During the last year researches of which mention could be made included:

A leprosy study tending to prove that leprosy is primarily a soil infection, but a disease which may possibly be transmitted by direct or indirect contact.

The production of an antipneumonia serum.

An experimental infection of animals with a small number of tetanus spores was worked out.

Other studies were on:

Toxin produced by the botulinum organism, and on the heat resistance of its spores.

On the paratyphoid group of bacteria.

On the outbreaks of mussel poisoning in California in 1927.

An undulant fever and its causative organism.

On skin reactions in animals and persons who are hypersensitive to certain foods, bacteria, etc.

On improvement of the convalescent serum of poliomyelitis which was originally brought out by the late Dr. E. C. Fleischner.

On various diseases which may develop spontaneously in laboratory animals.

In addition to the above, a number of special researches were made in coöperation with members of the faculties of the medical and dental schools of the University of California and with some of the trade and industrial corporations of the state.

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The Coleman Fund for Deafness Research.—In the Foundation, under the Coleman Memorial Fund for the prevention, cure and alleviation of deafness, a considerable number of important and valuable investigations have been carried on, particularly in relation to otosclerosis.

In this connection members of the medical profession are reminded that "Every sufferer from progressive deafness (otosclerosis) owes it to those who in the future may become afflicted with this dread disease, to aid in these investigations

by bequeathing his temporal bones after death to this or some similar research institution for study."

Otosclerosis is one of the diseases which has baffled the best efforts of otologists throughout the world to unravel its causation and development and so pave the way for successful treatment. Physicians should keep in mind that patients afflicted with otosclerosis may render a distinct service to humanity by bequeathing their temporal bones to the Coleman Fund of the Hooper Foundation.

Readers of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE who are sufficiently interested and who wish to know more of the work which is being done by the Hooper Foundation, an institution of which every Californian should feel proud, may obtain an interesting pamphlet, "In Alleviation of Human Suffering," by writing to the director of the institution. It is well for all of us to keep in mind that the Hooper Foundation of the University of California is an institution with which every Pacific Slope practitioner of the healing art may well maintain a mental contact.

**A LOS ANGELES WINE TONIC ORDINANCE—A GOOD EXAMPLE OF
A. M. A. PRESIDENT THAYER'S
"ILL-CONSIDERED
PROSCRIPTIONS"**

Los Angeles Passes an Anti-Wine Tonic Ordinance.—Elsewhere in this issue, in the correspondence column of the Miscellany Department, is printed a copy of the so-called wine tonic ordinance which was recently passed by the unanimous vote of the fifteen councilmen of the metropolitan city of Los Angeles. The daily press informed the public that this ordinance was primarily passed to prevent the sale of so-called wine tonics during the Christmas holidays; although current news dispatches of the day stated that the federal prohibition authorities had taken that matter in hand through the issuance of an order making it obligatory to have all wine tonics contain 30 per cent of solid matter, thus practically placing such mixtures in the nonbeverage class.

So far as the medical profession was concerned, it may be assumed that few doctors would have wished to prescribe such so-called wine tonic mixtures. Physicians were concerned, however, when lay citizens, even though they were public officials, took it upon themselves to determine what doctors should or should not prescribe, for such lay action involved a principle and an infringement on presumably legal rights, in which members of the medical profession had a very natural interest.

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Protests by Medical and Pharmaceutical Professions Were of No Avail.—When the ordinance was up for consideration, in spite of protests presented by representatives of the medical and pharmaceutical professions, the Los Angeles city fathers proceeded to place themselves on